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IMPORTANT NOTICE ON JANUARY & FUTURE MEETINGS:

In an attempt to revitalize our meetings by attracting more and new tokens collectors, some major changes are taking place in our meeting days and location. Ken Smith has secured for us token collectors (both the Calif. Assoc. of Token Collectors, and the

Amusement Token Collectors Assoc.) the community meeting room (the "Mercury Room") at the Mercury Savings & Loan office in Torrance, at 22939 Hawthorne Blvd. (see map in this issue) for the afternoon of the third Saturday of every month.

Since we have to use the meeting room each month beginning this month (Jan. '88), there will be two token meetings in January. First, on Saturday Jan. 16, from 1 to 5 PM, the Amusement Token Collectors Association will hold their first meeting at Mercury Savings in Torrance (see the Press Release reproduced in this issue). All CATC and ATCA members are welcome to attend. The press release is being sent to the Los Angeles Times (both the Your Coins and the weekend activity Thursday columns) and several papers in the South Bay area. Hopefully many new collectors previously unfamiliar with our token clubs will attend.

The following day, on Sunday, Jan. 17, the regular meeting of the Calif. Assoc. of Token Collectors will be held from 1 to 4:30 PM at the home of Bob Ritterband in the Fairfax area of Los Angeles. The address is 6576 Colgate Ave., L.A., near Farmers Market (3 blocks west of Fairfax, 3 blocks south of 3rd, between 3rd & Wilshire). Bring along all your material to trade, sell, or put in the auction. The club auction this month will feature a large number of dog tags from Claire Smith, along with books of all kinds and miscellaneous collectibles of her late husband F. Gordon Smith. Bob Ritterband is organizing all this material for the January auction. Don't miss it!

On Saturday, February 20th, 1 to 5 PM, the Amusement Token Collectors Assn. will meet again at Mercury Savings in Torrance; thereafter the Amusement Token Collectors Assn. will meet there every other month, on the afternoon of the 3rd Saturday of even-numbered months (FEB, APR, JUN, AUG, OCT, DEC).

Beginning in March, 1988, the California Association of Token Collectors will meet at Mercury Savings in Torrance on the afternoon of the 3rd Saturday of odd-numbered months (MAR, MAY, JUL, SEP, NOV, JAN).

The Mercury Room at the Torrance office of Mercury Savings has plenty of room for our meetings - lots of tables & chairs & windows. The entrance to the Mercury Room is at the rear of the building. The address again is 22939 Hawthorne Blvd. (about 4½ miles south of the San Diego Freeway on Hawthorne). This stretch of Hawthorne Blvd. is a shoppers paradise. There are 3 large malls (South Bay Galleria, Old Towne Mall, and the gigantic Del Amo mall which is very close to our meeting place at Mercury Savings). Plus there are hundreds of other large stores, businesses, and restaurants of all kinds along that stretch, which you can visit before or after attending the token meetings.

As before, all the CATC and ATCA meetings will be very informal, with a relatively short business meeting and discussion period (of token news, events, discoveries, etc.), and refreshments. We also need to line up (for both the CATC & ATCA meetings) a series of speakers to give a short presentation (10 to 30 minutes) on some topic related to tokens (could be local history, a collecting specialty, history of the use of some tokens, etc.), as we had at our meetings several years ago. The speaker and topic would be featured in each monthly press release.

1988 DUES: Many CATC members have not yet renewed the membership for 1988. If you are one of them, there is a red star after your name on the envelope this issue of Token Topics came in. Please send your \$3.00 CATC dues to Steve Alpert, Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066. This may be the last issue of Token Topics you receive if you don't renew promptly.

Our secretary Elaine Willahan is still recovering from hip and leg problems; issuance of 1988 membership cards and assignment of membership numbers to people who joined in the past few months, will be delayed until Elaine can resume secretarial work, hopefully by next issue of Token Topics or sooner.

CATC members may also want to join ATCA, the Amusement Token Collectors Assn.; 1988 dues are \$5.00, and you get the bimonthly 8-page publication "The Jackpot" with listings of newly discovered video arcade & older amusement tokens, free member ads, news, etc. Send dues to Ken Smith (address below) or Steve Alpert.

NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT: The attendance at our November, 1987 meeting was probably a record low in our 30-year history. Only 5 members were present at the meeting held at the home of John Barnes in Sherman Oaks: Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Bob & Harriet Carter, and Boyd Cashman. Due to the small turnout, there was no auction.

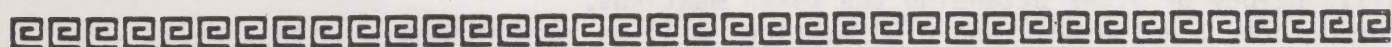
John Barnes spoke about his recent trip to England and the tokens he was able to find: a group of modern arcade-gambling machine tokens, and several old British railway pay check tags or tokens he bought at a railway museum.

NEWS & NOTES: According to an article in the Nov. 20, 1987 Los Angeles Times, Metro section (first few paragraphs are reproduced here on page 4), RTD will be issuing one million free sample bus fare tokens to be distributed through newspaper advertising inserts between January and June of 1988. It sounds a lot like their large series of round cardboard tokens from newspaper inserts of a few years ago. However, the article says the new program "is the first of its type for the district." I would guess they have a

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SATURDAY JANUARY 16, 1988

VIDEO ARCADE TOKENS

Video Arcade Token Collectors & interested parties are invited (free admission) to a meeting of the Amusement Token Collectors Association where the national president (a video arcade token expert) will discuss the past, present & probable future of video arcade token collecting. Meeting from 1PM to 5PM in Mercury Room at Mercury Savings & Loan at 22939 Hawthorne Blvd. in Torrance, CA. For information call (213) 478-7405

short memory and the new tokens will be something similar. We have to wait and see. Keep your eyes open for the tokens in your local papers, and report what you find, for the next issue of Token Topics.

Loehmann's gift coins were advertised again this past Holiday season. I wrote about them here a year or two ago. See their ad reproduced here on page 4. We still don't know what they are made of, or what the reverses are. High face-value gift certificate tokens like these will remain scarce among collectors, as their collector value will never come close to their face value.

A FEW OBSERVATIONS ON LAS VEGAS GAMING TOKENS by Steve Alpert

and no longer has exonumia. Nevada Coin Mart, formerly on the Strip near Foxy's Casino where they had some exonumia on hand, has now moved about a mile east, on Sahara, to a fancy building where they now deal mainly in diamonds, silverware, jewelry, Rolex watches, and bullion coins (no exonumia at all - the owner collects and hoards whatever little comes in).

Late last month I spent a few days vacation in Las Vegas. There are no coin shops left in town where tokens can be found. Ken's Coins, for many years the shop with the best selection of exonumia, has changed ownership (Ken retired)

The dollar gaming tokens in circulation at the casinos mostly have been circulating for several years and are really badly nicked up and almost illegible - obviously in uncollectable condition.

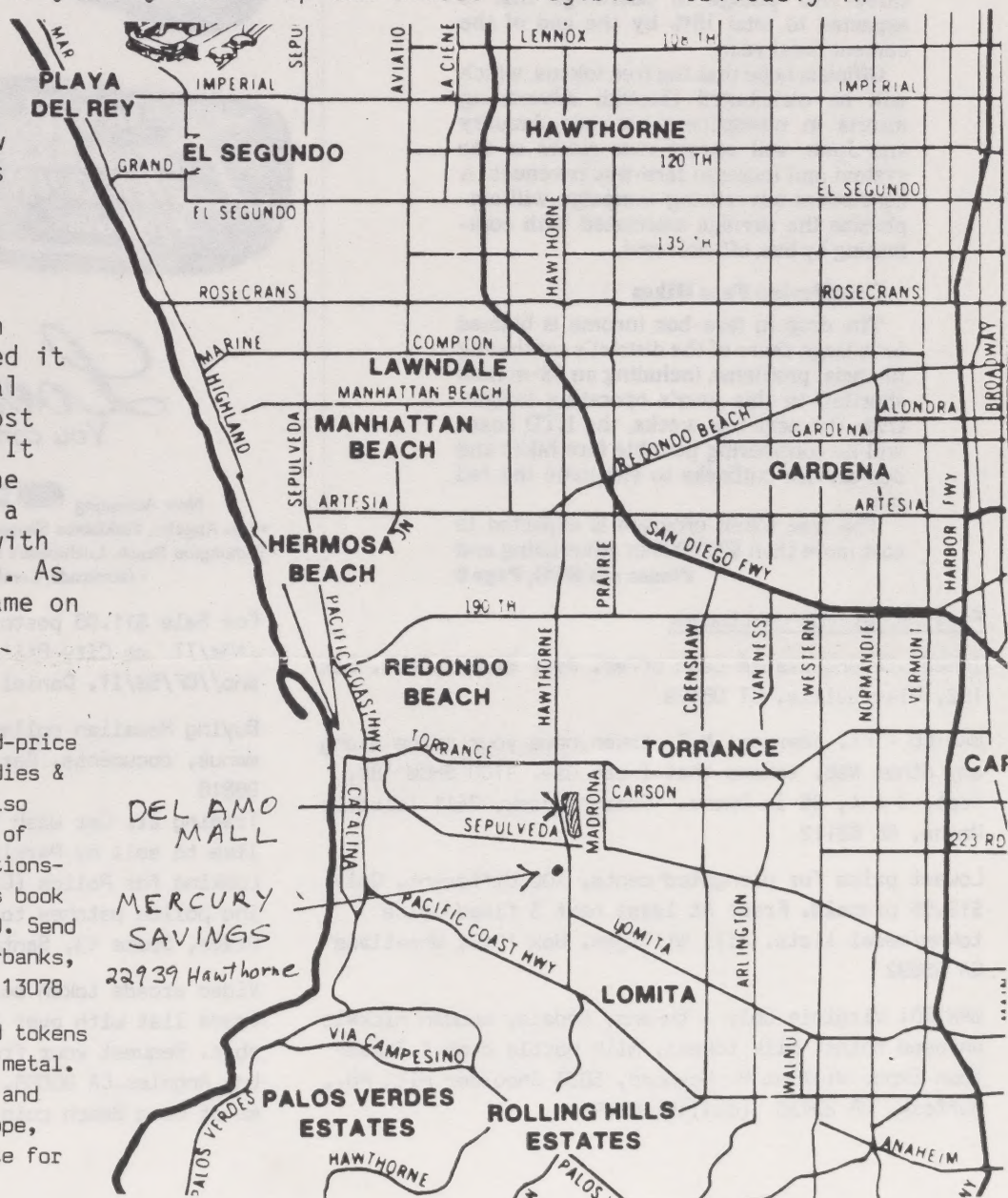
A few recent issues, in XF to AU condition, really stand out among the old beat up tokens. I saw a few new 1988-dated Circus Circus tokens in circulation. They were apparently released in Dec., 1987.

While playing a dollar machine, a counterfeit token was paid out to me. I played it back, and out it came-several times repeatedly, until I lost everything in the machine. It was a uniface lead token, one side of which was a copy of a Slots-A-Fun token reverse (with slot machine reels pictured). As it didn't have the Casino name on it, I didn't save it.

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RTD Will Hand Out Tokens to Boost Ridership

By RICH CONNELL, *Times Staff Writer*

More than 1 million "free sample" tokens to board RTD buses will be distributed across the county in the coming months—a gamble that could cost the financially troubled transit district several hundred thousand dollars or generate millions in new revenue by reversing a decline in ridership.

The new marketing program, which the Southern California Rapid Transit District board endorsed Thursday, is the first of its type for the district and a response to a three-year plunge in boardings that is expected to total 15% by the end of the current fiscal year.

Officials hope that the free tokens, which will be distributed through advertising inserts in newspapers between January and June, will attract new riders to the system and increase fare-box revenues. A concurrent advertising campaign will emphasize the savings associated with commuting by bus, officials said.

Considering Fare Hikes

The drop in fare-box income is blamed for a large share of the district's continuing financial problems, including an \$8-million shortfall in this year's operating budget. Over the next few weeks, the RTD board will be considering possible fare hikes and bus service cutbacks to eliminate the red ink.

The free token program is expected to cost more than \$300,000 in advertising and
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Free member ads continued:

immediate unbeatable cash offer. Jeff Stokes, P.O. Box 102, Plantsville, CT 06479

WANTED - Ft. Kearney, N.T. token name your price along any other Neb. tokens that I can use. ATCO SHOW '88, Sept. 3 & 4, 88 in Omaha. George Hosek, 7411 Idledale Omaha, NE 68112

Lowest price for elongated cents, 100 different. Only \$19.86 prepaid. Free! At least next 3 fixed-price token/medal lists. Bill Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland CA 95692

WANTED: Virginia only - tokens, medals, wooden nickels encased coins, milk tokens, milk bottle caps & Jamestown Expo. William H. Heywood, 5033 Shoulder Hill Rd., Suffolk, VA 23435 (804)484-0949

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Buying Hawaiian collectibles, tokens, postcards, paper, menus, documents. Gary Lau, 4366 Kilauea Av., Honolulu, HI 96816

Trading all Car wash tokens, especially Sofspa. Would like to sell my Parking token collection or Trade?? Looking for Police (Calif.) Shoulder Patches, have Shooting police patches to trade. John Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Drive, Space 43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Video arcade token collectors: my large fixed price & trade list with over 450 different video tokens is available. Request your free copy. Steve Alpert, Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066. If you have tokens for sale, see me at Long Beach coin show Feb. 4-7, at Table # 12.

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MARCH MEETING Our March meeting will be held on Saturday, March 19, from 1PM to 4 or 5PM, in the Mercury Room of Mercury Savings & Loan at 22939 Hawthorne Blvd. in Torrance. For location see map in the January issue of Token Topics. This will be our first meeting at this new location, so let's have a big turnout! The Amusement Token Collectors Assn. met at this location last month, and had six new people drop in as a result of a notice of the meeting in the Los Angeles Times. Three of the people brought exnumia to sell or trade; two of them bought something; but all 6 were disappointed in that only two of our regular local CATC members were present (Ken Smith and Steve Alpert). They had hoped to see more people and material. Some of those people may attend this March meeting, plus another round of press releases went out, so there's no telling how many new faces will show up wanting to buy-trade-sell exnumia, or have their material identified and evaluated. This should add some excitement to the meeting and encourage a big turnout of our local members. We will have an auction also if enough items are submitted. Help out if you can. Come with as much trading material as you can round up.

At the March meeting, our local historian Fred McGinnis will speak on the history of the amusement parks, arcades, and piers of Venice, Calif., and the tokens they used. A new book, "Venice of America, 'Coney Island of the Pacific'" by Jeffrey Stanton was recently published; Fred was a contributor to the book, and he will have copies for sale at a discount below the \$15.95 cover price. It's a big book full of great old photos and full-color reproductions of old postcards; lots of text also.

An alternate route to get to our meeting room at Mercury Savings (besides going south on Hawthorne from the San Diego Freeway - which may be heavily congested with traffic on Saturday afternoons) is as follows. Take the Crenshaw exit off the San Diego Freeway, go south on Crenshaw to Sepulveda, then right (west) on Sepulveda to Hawthorne, then left (south) on Hawthorne a few short blocks to Mercury Savings (on the right, plenty of free parking in the rear, near the Mercury Room). Remember - there will be a token collectors meeting on the third Saturday every month, at this same location. In April the Amusement Token club will be hosting the meeting, but all CATC members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. If you will be attending the March meeting and can bring along some refreshments (such as cookies, cake, pie, punch, lemonade, etc., also napkins, plastic utensils, plates, cups) please do so. We will reimburse your costs as far as we can stretch our \$10 per meeting refreshment budget.

JANUARY MEETING REPORT Bob & Molly Ritterband hosted our January meeting at their home in Los Angeles. Also present on that rainy day were: Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Bestard, Boyd Cashman, Larry Elman, Bill Kirk, Fred McGinnis, and guest Robert Kelley all the way from Ohio. Bob Ritterband played a videotape of the segment from the Hunter TV series episode that was shot at and around his home. He also showed color photos he took of the crew and actors at his home on the day of the shoot. Fred McGinnis brought for viewing an advance copy of the new book on Venice (discussed above). The large 30-lot auction featuring items from the F. Gordon Smith estate realized almost \$100.00. There were dog tags galore, misc. other exnumia and collectibles, and reference and historical books on many topics. Everyone present at the auction was a successful bidder - probably the first time that has ever happened. So there was something for everyone at that auction and meeting.

NEWS &
NOTES

Local newspaper articles inform us that RTD's "free sample" bus ride token program is aimed at minorities (who already make up 80% of its ridership). 50,000 Henry Huntington brass tokens are being re-used for part of this program: Two are available with a \$5 minimum purchase at Boys (food) Markets in minority areas of L.A. County only. El Pollo Loco restaurants and other retail outlets will also distribute the tokens beginning this month. Cardboard tokens will appear in La Opinion, a local Spanish-language newspaper. So maybe the cardboard tokens will be in Spanish and other minority foreign languages? They may already be out; unfortunately the cardboard tokens are being distributed where our local members and collectors will be unlikely to encounter them by chance. Bill Williges reports he found an unlisted San Francisco token: THE AUZZERIS / CIGAR STORE / S.W. COR / POWELL & / ELLIS ST. // GOOD FOR / 12½¢ ? IN TRADE. Aluminum, 27mm, octagonal. Wally Shidler sent in some token articles extracted from the Los Angeles Railway publication AZURIDE, and the following information. The tiny give-away pamphlet AZURIDE, published by LARY, began in March 1919 and was replaced by the weekly publication LARY RIDE GUIDE on June 20, 1934. In Nov. 1926, LARY applied to the Calif. Railroad Commission for permission to raise fares to 7¢ cash, and 4 tokens for 25¢. On Oct. 28, 1928, the above fares went into effect and the first LARY token appeared (CA450B). On Aug. 20, 1946, LARY's successor, Los Angeles Transit Lines, raised fares to 10¢ cash, and 3 tokens for 25¢. The old LARY tokens were replaced by new LATL tokens (CA450J) on Sept. 9, 1946. (More token articles from AZURIDE will be reprinted next issue. The transportation article reproduced in this issue was also supplied by Wally Shidler.)

FREE ADS FROM MEMBERS:

Looking for low priced California tokens of any type that include location on token. Please write first-send list, etc. Gary Mitchell, Box 1003, Samp Mortar, CT 06430

NEVADA and Atlantic City gaming and casino tokens and chips. 50 page list and encased horse-shoe penny \$2 postpaid. DEB's, Box 6445, Burbank, CA 91505

Williges celebrates 25 years of exonomia. Free! My new personal token and at least next 3 token/medal price lists. Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, CA 95692

"Still trading Car wash Tokens try me I have some real good and scarce "SOF SPRA" those wanted, but will swap for others but First are SofSPRA. Have lots of OPA red Points a few of the blue also best offer in cash or trade for Car wash make me a trade offer..so many points for so many car wash. John Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr.#43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 "

6th Annual National ATCO Token & Medal Show, Ramada Inn, Airport, Abbott Dr. & Locust, Omaha, NE, Sept. 2-3, 1988, Sat. 10-7 & Sun. 9-5. Buyers-sellers-traders will be manning tables. Show info. - George Hosek, 7411 Idledale Lane, Omaha, NE 68112, 402-455-1905

I will be bringing to our March meeting in Torrance several binders full of fresh exonomia, plus a big junk box! See you there. Steve Alpert, Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066

Send your free ad for May issue to Steve Alpert at above address.

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Tokens Are Lasting Bits of Transit History

September 28, 1987 PASSENGER TRANSPORT Page 99

By Frank Sherkow
Transportation Director
Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating
Agency
Cleveland, Ohio

These days people collect almost anything from stamps to baseball cards, and from old toys to transit tokens. That's right . . . transit tokens.

If you're the general manager of a small system or in the public relations department of a large system, you've probably already heard from some of these collectors. As with many hobbies, there is, believe it or not, an organization that focuses entirely on the collecting of transportation tokens.

The American Vecturist Association will be celebrating its fortieth anniversary in 1988. This non-profit society of transportation token collectors publishes a monthly newsletter and several catalogues detailing with all aspects of U.S. and Canadian transportation tokens. AVA has catalogued more than 12,000 different tokens, and currently has about 800 active members throughout the U.S., Canada, and the rest of the world. By the way, the word "vecturist" in the title of the association is derived from the Latin word "vectura," which means "passage money."

The earliest known transportation tokens were used in the sixteenth century on toll bridges in Germany. Transportation tokens came to North America when German immigrants settled Lancaster County, Pa. They built a network of private toll roads and began using tokens in the 1790s.

The vast majority of transportation tokens were made for public transit services. The first such service was a horse-drawn omnibus in New England. In 1837, the Roxbury Coaches issued a token for their "new line" that ran from John Eliot Square in the Roxbury section of Boston to the downtown area for a fare of 25¢. The New York & Harlem Railroad became the first streetcar to issue tokens in the late 1830s. Thousands of tokens have followed in the succeeding century-and-a-half.

These tokens are lasting bits of public transit history. AVA, in addition to listing and cataloguing transportation tokens, also has assembled many stories behind the transit coinage. For many large and small tran-

sit systems, today's operations can be traced back through the years via a handful of tokens. Other than a few paragraphs in the local history books, these tokens are the only tangible remnants of some of our important past.

If you are curious about AVA or transportation tokens (maybe those from your area), AVA can help. As part of a new outreach program, AVA is offering the following services to APTA and its members:

- AVA will provide any transit system a full listing of all known transit tokens from its area. This includes as much background or detail as may be available. Because AVA is a volunteer, non-profit organization, it asked that AVA be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in this effort;

- AVA will assist any transit system by providing design examples of past and existing tokens, or by providing suggestions for new regular tokens, special event tokens, and presentation pieces. Again, AVA asks that it be reimbursed for any expenses; and

- AVA will attempt to assemble as complete a set of your area's past tokens as your budget and token availability will allow. Most tokens can be secured for less than \$2. However, a few tokens which are considered very scarce might go for more than \$100.

AVA extends an open hand of friendship to the transit industry. As an individual or system, this is an excellent way to rediscover your transit roots. In addition, AVA always is interested in any new or modified transit tokens which have been put (or will go) into service. If you have a brief history of its manufacture, quantity made, dates and details of use, representative fare, and other information, AVA would be pleased to hear from you.

By the way, each year AVA holds a three-day convention, during which a special token is issued. Most recently, AVA held its 1987 convention in Atlanta. A special token featuring the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority was struck. Other convention activities typically include a tour of local transportation facilities and a behind-the-scenes tour of the transit system.

For more information about AVA and any of the services mentioned above, write Frank Sherkow, NOACA, 1501 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115, or at telephone (216) 241-2414.

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*Thoughts by the
Trolley Philosopher*



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THE REFUND CHECKS

Many of our patrons are not yet clear as to the significance of the refund check given by conductors upon payment of fare.

We were given permission by the Court to charge and collect a 7c cash fare or to sell four tokens for 25c, each token good for one ride. The State Railroad Commission and the City of Los Angeles appealed from the Court's decision to the United States Supreme Court, and until that Court finally decides the matter we must give refund tickets for the amounts collected above the present fare.

These tickets should be preserved as they will evidence the holder's right to receive payment for such sums as are shown on the face of said refund tickets. These tickets will be refunded on presentation at the company's offices in the event that the action in the United States Supreme Court is finally decided against this company.

The company, upon order of the court, has filed a bond to insure the payment of such refund tickets in case of reversal.

TOKENS

Tokens are symbolic of better and quicker service.

Help us to help you by having your token ready when you board the street car.

Delays in boarding mean delay to the car in getting to your destination.

You, the public, alone can remedy this situation by cooperating with us—please have your tokens ready.

TIRES OR TOKENS?

Tokens and tires are articles used in transportation, but what a whale of a difference there is in the cost. As a matter of fact the cost of one tire, even of moderate size, will buy your tokens for nearly three months, and the cost of a set of tires will pay for your street car transportation for a year.

But economy of street car riding is not the main reason why more and more automobile owners are saving their automobiles for pleasure trips and depending on street cars and coaches for business. Street cars and coaches are the preferred transportation of hundreds of automobile owners simply because they provide better and more dependable downtown transportation than is possible with automobiles.

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Better invest in tokens.

THE TOURIST TOKEN

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These tokens are cashed in by the originating road; the Los Angeles Railway reciprocating by doing the same.

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MAY MEETING

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A new feature, begun at the March meeting, is the "Library Table." I will be bringing a big stack of antique, numismatic, and exonomic magazines, newspapers, auction catalogues, sales lists, treasure magazines, etc - to be spread out on the Library Table. So if you run out of things to do at the meeting (quite unlikely), look over what's on the Library Table. Everything there is free for the taking toward the end of the meeting. Should you have items to contribute to the Library Table, bring them along.

So this upcoming May meeting should be a real active one with a big attendance. And some new collectors may show up (see report on March meeting, below). See you there.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS REPORT

Our March meeting at our new regular meeting place in Torrance had a tremendous turnout thanks to several publicity notices in the Los Angeles Times. Members present were: Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Bestard, Boyd Cashman, Bob and Harriet Carter, Bob Kuback, Fred McGinnis, Bob Ritterband, Wally Shidler, Kirk and Ken Smith, and Elaine Willahan. (I hope I didn't overlook anyone in the crowd). In addition, about 2 to 3 dozen new people (visitors) showed up during the meeting. Some of them brought items to be identified or evaluated. Others were looking for particular types of exonumia (such as charge coins & credit cards, Civil War tokens, Redlands CA exonumia, transit tokens, wooden nickels, elongated cents, clock & watch exonumia, So. Calif. exonumia, etc.). People were dropping in on the meeting throughout the first 3½ hours. Several people came especially for Fred McGinnis's presentation on the history of the amusement zones and piers of Venice, Calif. Fred had his collection of Venice-Ocean Park postcards and tokens on display. Plus he sold all seven copies he brought of the new book on the history of Venice. Fred's presentation went over so well, that he may in the future give a similar talk on the history of the amusements of Long Beach, Calif.

There was just a small 5-lot auction in March that brought \$3.45 to the club treasury thanks to donations from Elaine Willahan and Bob Carter. Two lots were sold to visitors.

The following month (at the Amusement Token Collectors Assn. sponsored meeting, same location, 3rd Saturday of April) there was a small turnout. Local transportation token collectors will be sorry they didn't attend, because a large box full of recent-issue transit tokens (from new issue service, and many not carried by NIS) were available at 50¢ per token, and the one transportation token collector present avidly bought about 700 pieces. The 150 or so pieces left over will be available at the May meeting. Also, a sack of over 2,000 wooden nickels was also at the meeting, and members present bought

hundreds of them. You never know what you may be missing if you don't attend our local meetings every month. We send out press releases every month to local newspapers.

NEWS & NOTES Two of our long time elderly members recently died: Gordon Fitzgerald, and George Ticknor. Gordon attended many of our meetings but was very quiet, and George was a frequent donator to our treasury. \$\$\$\$\$\$ A report heard on the radio said that the aluminum can redemption machines that are appearing outside some supermarkets, may be mixing in with the pennies paid out some bonus tokens, of various values (each a different color). So for one out of maybe every 100 or 200 or so cans put in, instead of a cent, you'd get a token, worth up to \$5.00 in the store. Watch for them. \$\$\$\$\$\$ Wally Shidler found one of the new RTD newspaper advertising supplement sheets with the free sample cardboard tokens. The tokens are 2 inches square and colored green. Wally made a reduction of the sheet which is reproduced and enclosed with this issue of Token Topics. \$\$\$\$\$\$ We have three new members to welcome: Bill Hogue of Sierra Madre, CA (#275); Jack Boberg of Cypress, CA (#276); James Crunk of Montague, CA (#277). Also, nearly all members renewed their membership in CATC for 1988. At the low \$3 dues, it's one of the best token bargains around.

Free Member Ads: (send yours to Steve Alpert, for July issue.)

Out-of-Stater needs your help in locating "oldie" elongated coins. Thank you and please write to- "Doug." Fairbanks, Sr., 5937 Beadle Drive, Jamesville, NY 13078

For Trade: Unlisted Calif. town, High-grove, Fred W. Mansholt GF5¢IT A-21, Best offer in San Bernardino, CA tokens, prefer bar & saloon tokens. Thank You. H.M. Balderrama, 3295 Clifton Ave., Highland, CA 92346

"Car Wash" tokens, still wanted and still trading, good Sofspra Available and others interested in Sofspra but will trade for others. More common transp. tokens available at Catalog plus post send list few states at a time. John Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr. Sp 43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Louisiana tokens wanted. Highest prices paid for those I need. Thanks! Cindy Grellman, 6733 Post Oak Lane, Montgomery, AL 36117

You needed some of the 22,098 tokens/medals Williges sold in 1987. Free lists. Celebrating 25 years exclusively exonomic sales. Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, CA 95692

For Sale unlisted Coalinga token \$9.00 postpaid - Walker's/Cafe/Coalinga, Calif.//GF/10¢/IT. Daniel Manasselian, P.O.Box 8342, Fresno, CA 93747

Send for our 50 page catalog on gaming tokens & chips, with an encased penny in a horseshoe token is only \$2.00. We also buy & sell casino match covers. DEB's, P.O. Box 6445, Burbank, CA 91505

See me at the June 2-5 Long Beach coin show at Table #12. I'll have about 20 binders full of exonomia for sale at reasonable to low prices. Steve Alpert, Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066



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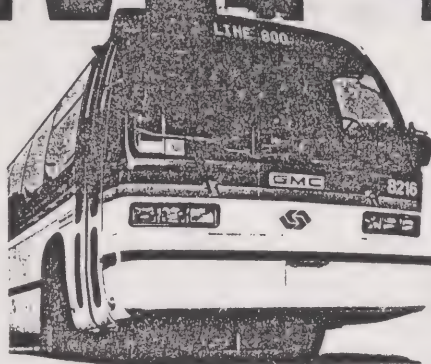
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Sherman Oaks Galleria Lines 183, 234, 424, 425, 560
Puente Hills Mall Lines 280, 471, 482, 486, 495
The Beverly Center Lines 14, 16, 27, 105
Northridge Fashion Center Lines 154, 166, 243, 420
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JULY MEETING Our July meeting, on Saturday July 16, at Mercury Savings & Loan, 22939 Hawthorne Blvd, Torrance, will be from 1 to 5 PM. Please bring along as much and as varied material as you can, because our meetings need more material for all the guests and members to look through. Also bring along material to place in the club auction, and donations for the Library Table. We'd like our meetings to be more like a mini-token show. So bring your material and set up - no charge for tables, and admission is free to all as always.

MAY MEETING REPORT Present at our May meeting were Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Bestard, Bob & Harriet Carter, Bob Kubach, Fred McGinnis, Wally Shidler, Ken Smith, Elaine Willahan, new member Ken Dingman of Gardena, guests Walter McMann and many other people who dropped in from publicity of our meetings in local newspapers. There was a large 27-lot auction of transit tokens and related material, and miscellaneous exonomia and collectibles, which enriched our treasury by \$11.40 via the 10% commission and donations from Dick Bestard and Wally Shidler.

NEWS I'm sad to report the unexpected death last may of member Boyd Cashman, from cancer. Boyd was an enthusiastic collector of transportation tokens and had attended our meetings regularly for many years. \$\$\$\$\$\$ Attendance of our monthly meetings on even-numbered months is still very low. Last month (June) only 6 people were present (only 2 regulars), but two new people joined CATC: Marc Weiser of Northridge (collects Nevada casino tokens, chips & medals) and Donald Garabedian of Flintridge (collects transportation tokens). Right now, why don't you mark your calendar to remind yourself of our meetings for the rest of 1988 - on the afternoon of the 3rd Saturday of every month, at the same location in Torrance. The bimonthly issues of Token Topics notify you of odd-numbered-month meetings only; the other meetings are just as important as a forum to trade-buy-sell tokens and medals, and exchange information, hear informative talks, etc. \$\$\$\$\$\$ I don't have any articles or news on local token use or new issues to report this time. The final page of reprints from L.A. Railway publications, supplied by Wally Shidler, is included with this issue (see March issue). \$\$\$\$\$\$ Send in your free ad for the September issue to Steve Alpert, Box 66331, L.A., CA 90066. It must reach me before Sept. 1.

Free Member ads:

Still trading Car Wash Tokens wanted especially all Sofspra have good traders & Chuckie Cheese. John Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr. Sp. 43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

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WFO: Store charge coin tokens (paying \$4 to \$10 each) and vice old hobo nickels. Please ship for offer.
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Los Angeles Railway



AN ERRANT TOKEN

In a recent issue of a Dutch West Indies paper, there is a story of an errant slug, or token, of the Los Angeles Railway. This token, after traveling 4,800 miles, came in over the bar at Aruba in the Dutch West Indies. Some jokers gave the token to a rack boy, who thought it was money, and a man, after trying ineffectively to explain what a street car was to the boy, bought the token for a nickel and is starting it out again from Aruba to Los Angeles to a friend. When this token reaches Los Angeles, it will bring its total wanderings up to approximately 9,600 miles. Some trip for a token.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

We will meet on Saturday, Sept. 17th, from 1 to 5 PM at Mercury Savings & Loan, 22939 Hawthorne Blvd., in Torrance. Please bring along material to trade or sell, as we need more exonomia brought to our meetings to make them more enjoyable. Member Fred McGinnis, who spent the past two months on the road setting up at weekend antique shows and flea markets in the Pacific Northwest and northern Mountain states (he sent a postcard from Mount Rushmore), should be back home in time for our meeting. He plans to bring a large amount of material to our meeting for sale or trade. There will also be a club auction at the meeting, so bring in material to submit or donate.

JULY MEETING REPORT

Eleven members were present at our meeting at Mercury Savings in Torrance in July: Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Bestard, Bob and Harriet Carter, Kenny Dingman, Bob Kubach, Wally Shidler, Ken Smith, Marc Weiser, and Elaine Willahan. Several visitors dropped by during the meeting also. The July auction was very small, only 5 lots: reference books, foreign coins, etc. The club treasury was enriched by \$3.85 from the auction, from the 10% commission and a donated lot from Dick Bestard.

Our meeting room at Mercury Savings has a pay phone. During our meetings, local members can phone us to find out what's going on (in case they want to rush over) or to relay messages. The phone number is 213 378-9004.

Our August meeting had a small attendance - only 3 regular members, plus 7 people who dropped by for a short time from the free publicity announcement that appeared in the Los Angeles Times. The Times even sent a photographer to the meeting, but when she arrived there were only 3 people present. We had to explain that most members don't bother to attend on the even-numbered months because for 30 previous years we met on odd-numbered months only. So we missed a great opportunity for valuable publicity because of the low attendance. Why is attendance so low on even months? Is it the above reason? Or is it that there is no notice in the mail for even months? Or most members don't care to meet so often? Or the meeting place is too hard to get to? Or are there other reasons? Let us know.

LAS VEGAS TOKEN REPORT

I visited Las Vegas twice in the last couple of months, but I didn't pay too much attention to the gaming tokens or free play tokens. I did notice that several hotels and casinos have changed ownership, and some new token issues reflect the changes. For example, I saw an MGM Sands token. Binion's Horseshoe casino has bought out their neighbor (Del Webb's) Mint. They broke through their common wall to create one large casino. Circus Circus has bought nearby Slots-A-Fun and the Silver Slipper. Sam Boyd has bought the Stardust (now part of the Boyd Group). Most casinos now have \$5 tokens for their \$5 slot machines. Some casinos also have \$25 and \$100 tokens for their \$25 and \$100 slot machines (and you can play most of these machines up to 2 or 3 tokens a pull). I still expect to see \$1000 a pull slot machines in the not too distant future.

TV REVIEW

Check your TV listings for the half-hour program "The Collectors" which is being shown on public broadcasting stations. It is an entertaining magazine-type show devoted to antiques and collectibles. It's hosted by Bob Rau and Lisa Garrett. Each episode they visit different historic areas around the country. They talk with private collectors and museum curators who display prized items. A feature of each show is the appraisal segment, where members of the audience bring in

items to be identified and evaluated by Bob Rau (who knows quite a bit about every area of antiques & collectibles - be it ceramics, glass, metalwork, art, toys, tools, advertising, etc., etc.). Even items on the fringe of exnumia occasionally appear on the show. "The Collectors" is a very well put together show, with top quality production techniques, old film clips and music, etc., especially in the second season's programs. The show is produced in Oregon, so many of the first season's shows feature collectors and collections in the Pacific Northwest area.

WANTED: Local CATC member to take over as President and Editor of CATC and Token Topics for 1989. I will be resigning at the end of 1988; the November issue of Token Topics will be my last. After eleven years as President, I need a break; I also need the time to devote to two book projects I'm working on. So, anyone willing to become President please let me know. If two or more people are interested, we will hold an election at the November meeting. Steve Alpert, Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90064 (213) 478-7405

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Will trade McCargers Saloon Token (Album BUTE 62-A) Kappen Nord#1 for 3 Sofspra tokens I need in collection. McDonalds and Sambos Wood collections to sell. John Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr. Space 43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062

Buying modern and old Moose Lodge tokens. \$3.00 for plastics, \$4.00 for Br. or Al., for old ones we'll negotiate. These prices are for tokens I need. Jack R. Smith, P.O. Box 26423, Lawrence, IN 46226

Always looking for Louisiana tokens and those from all southeastern states. Cindy Grellman, P.O. Box 3412, Lake Mary, FL 32746-3412

My mail bid sale #31 (closing mid October) has over 3600 lots of tokens and medals, featuring many better transportation and parking tokens. Request your free copy if you are not on my active mailing list. Steve Alpert, Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066

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NOVEMBER MEETING: IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due to a clerical error by the bank, our meeting location at Mercury Savings in Torrance will not be available to us for the rest of this year. Our November meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20, 1-4 PM, at the home of our secretary Elaine Willahan, at 516 West 99th St. in Los Angeles (at Figueroa, one block north of Century Blvd, near the Century offramp of the Harbor Freeway). This is the favorite meeting place of our members, and we haven't met at Elaine's since Nov. 1987. A special request to all the new members of CATC who joined this year and have only attended the Torrance meetings: try to attend this Sunday's meeting, as Elaine's home is a museum of collectibles from floor to ceiling in every room. And we should have a big turnout with lots of material available for trade and sale, and hopefully a big end-of-year club auction. So bring along as much material as you can for swapping and the auction. Due to Elaine's difficulty in walking around, she will be unable to prepare those delicious pies and cakes we so fondly remember. So if you can bring along some refreshments for the meeting (as a donation, or for reimbursement from our \$10 per meeting refreshment budget) please do so.

The future of the CATC will also have to be decided at the November meeting. As mentioned in the last issue, I am resigning as President of CATC (after eleven or so years) and Editor of Token Topics (I'll still be a member of CATC and attend the meetings). So far no one has volunteered to take over as President and Editor. This will be my last issue of token topics. For the time being, send your free Token Topics ads to Elaine Willahan, 516 W.99th St., Los Angeles, CA 90044. They will be accepted only from those who have paid their 1989 CATC dues of \$3.00, so send your dues to Elaine also. Or pay in person at the November meeting, Sunday Nov. 20. Please note- we are back to Sunday for this meeting.

SEPTEMBER MEETING REPORT: Our September meeting in Torrance had a small turnout, with just seven members present: Steve Alpert, John Barnes, Dick Bestard, Wally Shidler, Ken Smith, Ken Dingman, and Marc Weiser. There was no auction due to shortage of material and low attendance.

FREE ADS FROM MEMBERS:

SUPER SALE: Old pinball and slot machine tokens from the 1930s and 1940s for sale at \$1.50 per pound at the November CATC meeting. That's a little over 1¢ each for nice clean tokens, mostly nickel-plated, with phrases and initials. But you must notify me in advance how many pounds you want me to bring. Through the mail, the price is \$3.00 per pound postpaid! I will have many old transportation tokens for sale at catalogue at the Nov. 20 meeting (these cat. 50¢ to several dollars each). Plus I'll be bringing 3 binders of exonomia and my famous junk box of cheap bargains. Steve Alpert, P.O. Box 66331, Los Angeles, CA 90066 (213) 478-7405

Unlisted Depression scrip coupon book: W.A.Graham Co., Pryor, Oklahoma. \$5.00 uncirc. book. Only \$3.86 prepaid. 2 for \$6.86. Williges, Box 1245, Wheatland, CA 95692

Best Cash Offer or SOF SPRA tokens for any of Following items PETER WARNER/CASH/STORE/LAKE BENTON/MINN/ rev. G/F/\$1.00-also G/F.25¢ also G/F/10¢ (3 pieces). Unlisted RARE from San Francisco,CAPITOL BAR/G/F/5¢ when returned with bottle(DUG,but not all that bad). (FOOD STAMP TOKENS,Plastic set of 5,diff.colors,1¢-5¢-10¢-25¢/50¢ - GOINS CORNER, OAKLAND, CA. Any of my Personals one or all for proper postage Free, L-116-E to O inc but out of L. John G. Nicolosi, 2565 Portola Dr. Sp.43, Santa Cruz, CA 95062